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HOUSE REPUBLICANS WANT SCHOOL PARENTS TO PAY MORE FOR LOST TEXTBOOKS

Have you seen the latest House Republican scheme to address severe school budget cuts? Or is it the latest House Republican plan to crack down on crime?

Regardless, check out House Bill 813, sponsored by Umatilla Republican Alan Hays. The bill is up for discussion in the House PreK-12 Policy Committee, which meets at 1 p.m. today in Room 404 House Office Building.

The measure would force parents of students to pay out of pocket **the full purchase price** of school textbooks that a student damages or loses, <u>regardless of the age or condition of the instructional material</u>.

Making students and parents pay more for tattered textbooks is a wrongheaded solution to the financial plight of our state.

To shift the burden of Florida's financial crisis onto the backs of school parents in the manner that Representative Hays' proposes is mean-spirited and silly.

Florida families----House Republican leadership is NOT WORKING FOR YOU!